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In re Application of: Saki Itzchak Hakim, et al. Application No.: 09/782,626 Filed: February 13, 2001

For: MULTIPLE OPTICAL INPUT INSPECTION SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed August 8, 2005, to withdraw holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a). No fee is required.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely and effective manner to the Final Office action mailed July 1, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 26, 2005.

In support of the petition, petitioners have provided a copy of a Request for Continued Examination and accompanying amendment and filing fee, and petition and fee for two months extension of time. A copy of a date-stamped postcard evidencing receipt of these documents on December 1, 2004 has also been provided.

A review of the file record finds that Applicant's original request for RCE (received in the USPTO on December 1, 2004), has since been matched with the file. Furthermore, a review of the USPTO Revenue Management and Accounting (RAM) records finds that the check for the extension of time and filing fees was received on December 1, 2004 and processed on December 3, 2004. Accordingly, the record is clear that the application was *not abandoned in fact* and a Notice of Abandonment should not have been issued.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment is vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The Office regrets any inconvenience caused by the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff for processing of the RCE and accompanying amendment. From there, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action in due course.

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